

7: Joest--58 [6]
116, 304, 827

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(no date) 1882

Formosan Aborigines
Chin-hoan

At the same time that they are tattooed young girls also have the two teeth in the corners of the upper jaw removed. One girl told me that this was done so that they could breathe better and that they could inhale more wind.

22: Wiedfeldt--17 [3]
116, 241, 827, 462

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(1913) 1914

Formosan Aborigines
Atayal

When a family has selected a piece of land, the man first pulls off or cuts off the branches of the trees on the land, so that the trees will die. The following year he burns off the dry trunks, together with the underbrush and the grass. The Atayals think it ridiculous to claim that these ashes encourage plant growth, and they find the Chinese custom of using human excrement as fertilizer repugnant. When the Formosa maple has red shoots, the woman loosens the ground with a stick or a spear and sows millet. The next year she plants mountain potatoes, or sweet potatoes and beans, and sometimes she plants millet again in the third year.